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AIRMAN COFFYN AGAIN LOOPS EAST RIVER BRIDGES

WEATHER—Showers probable to-night or Tuesday.

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DETECTIVE NOW ADMITS HE "FRAMED" CONFESSION AND BRANDT SIGNED IT

Prisoner Attached Name Thinking It a Receipt for Money From Schiff.

TELLS THE GRAND JURY.

District-Attorney Gets New Evidence That Servant Was Railroaded in Case.

Further testimony to support District-Attorney Whitman's contention that Foulke Brandt, the Schiff burglar, was railroaded to Dannemora prison, was offered before the Grand Jury today. John Rogers, the Pinkerton detective who worked up the case against Brandt, was questioned by the Grand Jury and admitted, it is said, that he wrote the confession Brandt signed and that Brandt signed the document without reading it.

Brandt maintains that he supposed the confession was some sort of a receipt for a large sum of money he was to get from Mortimer L. Schiff to take him in going to Sweden. The confession was prepared by Rogers and signed by Brandt after Dr. McDonald and Mahon, the alienists, had punched Brandt in the knees to test his reflex action, pulled his ears and submitted him to other stunts for the purpose of establishing his mental condition.

"I had no idea when I signed the confession," Rogers is said to have told the Grand Jury, "that Brandt was to be arrested. I thought Mr. Schiff was going to send him out of the country."

Subsequent to signing the confession, Brandt was arrested by Rogers and Detective-Lieutenant Woodbridge. Then Rogers and Detective-Lieutenant Taylor searched Brandt's lodgings and seized his property.

Rogers admitted today, it is asserted, that he also acted four letters from Brandt's correspondence and tried them over to Mr. Schiff. He professed to be unable to remember the contents of the letters and was told to return tomorrow to clear up some of his evidence which is in exact contradiction to evidence that has been given by Woodbridge and Taylor.

It is believed that the District-Attorney gained actual possession late this afternoon of the four letters which were seized in Brandt's lodgings after his arrest and turned over to Howard Gans and Mr. Schiff. John D. Lindsay, of De Lancy Nicolli, law firm, called on the District-Attorney at 4 o'clock and is supposed to have delivered the letters, pursuant to a demand made by Mr. Whitman a week ago.

SCHIFF SERVANT FAILS TO HELP THE CASE.

A witness put forward by Howard Gans, counsel for Mortimer L. Schiff, in an effort to show that the charge of burglary, made against Brandt, was based on other than hearsay evidence failed to substantiate that contention before the Grand Jury today. This witness was Leonard Bourne, who was employed in March, 1907, as third man in the household of Mr. Mortimer L. Schiff.

District-Attorney Whitman received a letter from Mr. Gans on Feb. 11. The letter read:

"I write to advise you that after some search we have succeeded in locating the servant who was in Mr. Schiff's employ in 1907 and who furnished the information which established that Brandt broke into the Schiff house and did not enter through an open door. We expect to be able to produce him whenever you require him."

The District-Attorney sent word to Mr. Gans to produce the man. Bourne was escorted to the Criminal Court Building by John Lindsay, a partner of De Lancy Nicolli, counsel for Mr. Gans. After a conference with the District-Attorney at which Brandt and his counsel, Mirabeau L. Towne, were present, Bourne was taken before the Grand Jury.

His testimony is said to have been to the effect that he left Mr. Schiff's employ in April, 1907, and is now employed as a chauffeur in Boston. His recollection as to events in the Schiff household on the night when Brandt entered the building did not sustain the letter of Mr. Gans.

DID NOT SEE BRANDT IN THE SCHIFF HOUSE.

Bourne, it is said, swore to the Grand Jury that he did not know Brandt was in the house that night—did not see him

LAWYER DENIES REPORT HAWLEY WILL IS FOUND

Conferences Among Heirs and Attorneys Due Only to Settling of Estate, He Says.

John B. Stanchfield, attorney for the many heirs of the late Edwin Hawley, came from his sanatorium at No. 11 Pine street late this afternoon after an all day conference with persons interested in the late Mr. Hawley's estate long enough to state definitely that no sort of will had been found. Mr. Stanchfield's statement in a measure quieted a report which was widely circulated in Wall street to the effect that an instrument had been found in Mr. Hawley's downtown office.

"All this excitement indicates nothing except that the administrators of Mr. Hawley's estate have begun the customary duties of administrators—that of taking an inventory of the decedent's property and balancing his accounts," stated the lawyer.

"Reports which gained ground that a will has been found are erroneous. We have been quite busy during the day, but this should not interest the public. Now, as far as Miss Margaret Cameron is concerned, let me say this: It is absurd to think a man of Mr. Hawley's ability would deliberately take a girl nine years old into his home to bring her up as anything other than a ward."

Mr. Hawley's heirs have the warmest respect for Miss Cameron. The greatest animosity exists among the heirs and Miss Cameron. It is unkind for any one to hint their relations are otherwise, and most ungenerous and unkind for any one to insinuate Miss Cameron held a different place in Mr. Hawley's household.

Mr. Stanchfield added that the administrators would probably take several weeks in arranging Mr. Hawley's various interests, so that an appointment of the share of each heir in the estate may be arrived at. He stated he hoped no false constructions would be placed on the many private meetings held among the heirs. When asked regarding Miss Cameron's participation in these conferences, Mr. Stanchfield refused to discuss the matter further.

During the day Mr. Stanchfield and his partner, Mr. Levy, met various confidential employees of Edwin Hawley, in the former office at No. 25 Broad street, and later in the day the administrators joined the lawyers in their offices.

COURT UPHOLDS THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Decisive Victory for Direct Legislation by the People in Oregon Case.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The cause of direct legislation by the people won a decisive victory today when the United States Supreme Court declared unconstitutional by implication the initiative and referendum amendment to the Oregon Constitution. It refused to take jurisdiction of the test suits contesting validity of the legislation.

The Court decided that it had no jurisdiction over the test suits, and that the question for Congress to deal with.

World Building, Turkish Baths, always open. Bath with private rooms, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

COFFYN SWOOPS DOWN INTO RIVER; IS TOWED ASHORE

Aviator Gives New Yorkers Three New Thrills in a Remarkable Flight.

HITS THE WATER HARD.

Makes Rapid Descent and Goes Under Two Bridges Before Mishap.

Another aeroplane thrill was given to New York by Frank Coffyn this afternoon. He flew up the East River in his Wright hydro-aeroplane at a height of about 3,000 feet and at great speed. When he was off Long Island City he made a sharp turn to the eastward and started down the river again.

Just after he made the turn he gave the city its first thrill of the day. The thousands who were watching him saw the stern of the biplane tilt up and the machine incline at quite forty-five degrees. Then, just like a gull, he swooped down through the air. His speed was terrific. It seemed that something must have gone wrong, because the slant of the machine and the velocity were amazing. Down he came to the middle of the East River, almost touching the water.

And here the citizens got their second thrill. The machine was not out of control, as many probably thought. Coffyn brought it up a few feet, and then, still holding his speed, he passed under the Manhattan Bridge and then under the Brooklyn structure, just as he did one day last week. On that day he flew like a bird down the river, but no so today.

And here New York got its third thrill. PONTONS HIT THE WATER WITH A SPLASH.

Instead of just skimming the water and heading toward Pier A, his starting point, he came down and soon his pontoons were throwing up a great feather of spray. The hundreds on the housetops watched and waited for him to rise again, but it was seen that his propellers were stopped. The mechanical gull was initiating its feathered coming and resting on the water. This was about directly in the rear of The World Building. And there the machine rose, bobbing on the waves and not attempting to rise.

Some of those who had been watching Coffyn's evolutions said his propellers stopped soon after he flew under the bridge. It was evident that he was in some sort of trouble, because in the past Coffyn has raised his biplane from the water with all the ease of a gull riding.

As he bobbed about a tug darted out from under the Brooklyn Bridge and scuttled down upon the aviator and his machine with a great puffing of steam. Coffyn was apparently sitting placidly in the pilot seat and the tug threw him a line. This he made fast to the biplane, and so, rather ignominiously after his high and daring flight, he was towed down the river.

When Coffyn arrived at Pier A, where he has a raft from which he rises in making his flights, he said the reason he did not attempt to rise from the water was that something went wrong with the moving-picture machine he was operating and he reached over to keep it from falling. In this instant he lost control of the biplane, and as the tug was near he decided to accept a tow.

GRAND JURY TO HUNT "SCHOOL FOR WITNESSES" IN BEEF PACKERS' TRIAL.

New Move of Federal Prosecutor in Chicago Aimed at Lawyers for the Trust.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—A special Federal grand jury was impeached and sworn before United States District Judge Landis today. It was said the jury would investigate whether counsel for the meat packers now on trial before Judge Carpenter, or any one on their behalf or in the interest of the defendants had conducted a "school for witnesses."

Storm and Fog Delay Lustran. QUICKENING. The storm and fog which delayed the trial of Lustran, which was yesterday delayed on account of fog in the morning, was further retarded by a storm. It did not start for New York at 1:30 A. M. today instead of Sunday according to schedule.

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Former Senator and Nurse Held in Will Plot; Hermit's Accusing Lawyer



FRANK GARDNER

LEADER OF BAND OF TAXI ROBBERS KNOWN TO POLICE

Bandit Who Planned \$25,000 Holdup Is Now Under Constant Surveillance.

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YIDDISH CAMORRIST FOUND GUILTY ON VICTIM'S STORY

Murder of Complainant Against Horse Poisoner Fails to Save Him From Prison.

The murder of Louis Blumenthal by the Yiddish Camorra Jan. 28 in a lively stable at No. 15 Division street to take charge of the ailing old man and prescribe for him. He had examined Mr. Haslett and found that his heart action was weak and that he was suffering from lack of nourishment. Therefore, he had prescribed 1-1000 grain tablets of strychnine to be taken four times a day, and a nourishing tonic.

A few minutes before the arrival of the package containing the strychnine tablets the police took charge at the Haslett mansion. The package strangely disappeared. When an Evening World reporter asked the police what had become of the strychnine they said they knew nothing of strychnine having been delivered.

When Chief Magistrate Kempner was asked about the strychnine he threw up his hands and said it was news to him. He at once called upon the police to make a search for the tablets. A thorough search of the Haslett home failed to disclose them.

DR. DEYO TELLS HOW HE WAS CALLED INTO CASE.

The following is Dr. Deyo's frank statement of how he was dragged into the case which has resulted in the arrest of ex-Senator Gardner on charges of attempting to engineer an amazing conspiracy to obtain possession of half a million dollars' worth of property:

"It is my desire to make a clear statement of my whole connection with this affair, just as if I was telling the story on the witness stand or in the Grand Jury room. On the evening of Feb. 12 (Tuesday) last I was called up on the telephone by a man who said his name was Decker and that he was a trained nurse who had been employed in the Branch Hotel, owned by my wife, on Ocean Parkway. I remembered him and asked him what he wanted. He said: 'I want you to meet Senator Gardner at the Clarendon Hotel between 10 and 11 o'clock. He wants you to act as the subscribing witness to a will.' I told him I didn't know Senator Gardner, and he replied that Senator Gardner knew me, or knew of me, and that he (Decker) had suggested my name to him. He wanted a physician to act in the case."

"I went to the hotel and a porter pointed out Senator Gardner to me. I met him and he introduced me to an old man whose name sounded like Yerbee. We went to the Haslett home, at No. 15 Remsen street. I never saw such a sick man in my life as I encountered in that house. Everything was as horribly filthy that I couldn't find a chair to sit on, so I stood up while the will was being executed."

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"The old man seemed perfectly satisfied with the will that was read to him. He sat propped up by pillows in a chair beside a little table. Two candles were burning on the table and that was all the light there was in the room. This occurred on the second floor of the house. I signed the will as a witness and read aloud to everybody and went home."

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DOCTOR IN WILL CASE TELLS HOW STRYCHNINE NEARLY GOT TO HERMIT

Dr. Deyo, Called by Former Senator Gardner to Witness Haslett's Will, Says He Prescribed Drug as Stimulant.

GRAND JURY TAKES UP CASE; NURSE DECKER TO TESTIFY.

Aged Brooklynite's Lawyer Declares Signatures on Wills and Power of Attorney Forged.

Following the holding of former State Senator Gardner in \$6,000 bail in the Adams Street Court, Brooklyn, today on a new complaint charging a felonious conspiracy to defraud Samuel E. Haslett, the eccentric Brooklyn recluse, of his great fortune, Dr. J. T. Deyo of No. 3030 Ocean Parkway, one of the witnesses who signed the two Gardner wills, related how Chief Magistrate Otto Kempner and the police broke into the Remsen street "house of mystery" just before a messenger from a drug store arrived with strychnine and other medicines he had prescribed for the old man.

Dr. Deyo said that he had been urged by Mr. Gardner on Saturday morning to take charge of the ailing old man and prescribe for him. He had examined Mr. Haslett and found that his heart action was weak and that he was suffering from lack of nourishment. Therefore, he had prescribed 1-1000 grain tablets of strychnine to be taken four times a day, and a nourishing tonic.

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